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Dear [Redacted]

To confirm our telephone conversation, this letter formally invites you to participate in two workshops on the international economy during crisis and war to be held on May 21-22 and June 5-6, at the Center for Naval Analyses, 2000 No. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

The goal of these workshops is to determine the global economic impacts of a security crisis that escalates into war with the Soviet Union, and, in turn, how these might affect the ability of the United States and its allies to manage the crisis and war. The results of these discussions will be compiled with other materials into a background resource volume for the global war game to be held at the Naval War College beginning in July 1984.

The May 21-22 Workshop will cover the following subject areas:

1. The State of the World Economy in 1990
2. Crisis and War Outbreak and War Scenarios
3. Economic Effects of Security Crises
4. Economic Conditions During the Period of High Tension Leading from Crisis to the Outbreak of General War.
5. The Economics of Mobilization and War

Each of these areas will be introduced with a short presentation of key issues, followed by an extensive discussion of these issues and any others that members of the workshop determine to be important. The discussion will focus on several questions: Are we addressing the correct issues? If we are not, what are the correct issues? What can we say with confidence about these issues? What analysis and/or data would improve our understanding the range of possible outcomes? Does some of this analysis and data exist or can it be adapted from other purposes for our need? The workshop will not be run on a rigid time schedule, since the participants will determine how much discussion each of the issues deserve.

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The June 5-6 workshop will be similarly informal. First the workshop participants will review the results of the May workshop in light of new thinking, data, and analysis. In this regard, any issues, conclusions, or recommendations coming out of the preceding workshop is subject to challenge and further discussion. The second task of this workshop is to carry the analysis and speculation as far as possible into the war. The third task of this workshop is to determine the best form and level of detail by which to present this information for effective use in the war games.

The May 21-22 workshop is UNCLASSIFIED, the June 5-6 workshop will be classified at SECRET/NOFORN. Please have your security clearances sent to Mrs. Marilyn Gilbert, Security Officer, Hudson Institute, Quaker Ridge Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520. Hudson Institute will cover all out-of-pocket expenses. If you have any questions about logistics, or need assistance in travel or lodging arrangements, please contact Ms. Yvonne Swinton.

Selected materials will be provided before the workshops. If you know of any materials that might be particularly useful, please notify me so I can distribute copies to the workshop participants. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at any time; I look forward to seeing you at the workshops.

Sincerely,


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